

The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee

The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) is a senior-level policy committee established in 1990 to advise the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on issues related to implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The committee is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and has been renewed every two years since its creation. The membership is approximately 60 senior managers and other experts representing state and local government, environmental and public interest groups, academic institutions, unions, trade associations, utilities and related industries. The CAAAC meets four times a year, normally in Washington, DC. It provides advice and counsel to EPA on a variety of important air quality policy issues. The committee has formed a number of subcommittees to provide more detailed discussion and advice on many technical issues.

The committee is chaired by Jeff Holmstead of EPA. EPA's Designated Federal Official is Paul Rasmussen. Paul's telephone number is (202) 564-1306 and his email address is: rasmussen.paul@epa.gov. The Committee also maintains a website for the public at: www.epa.gov/oar/caaac.

Following are synopses for each of the CAAAC's five active subcommittees:

Permits, New Source Reviews, and Toxics Subcommittee

The Permits, New Source Reviews, and Toxics Subcommittee meets on a periodic basis to discuss a variety of topics related to EPA's new source reviews permitting program, operating permit program, and toxic air pollutant program. EPA uses this as an opportunity to solicit ideas and comments from the Subcommittee on major rulemakings and reports which are under development by the Agency. Future meetings of this subcommittee are expected to focus on topics such as: the urban toxics strategy, new source reviews permitting in transitional nonattainment areas, and status of the new source reviews reform and operating permit revisions efforts.

Co-Chairs of this subcommittee are Bill Harnett of EPA and Mr. William H. Lewis, Esq., of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. EPA's Technical Staff Contact is Debbie Stackhouse. Her telephone number is (919) 541-5354 and her email address is: stackhouse.debbie@epa.gov.

Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovation Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovation to the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee was formed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to serve as a forum for the Office of Air and Radiation to discuss ideas and policies concerning the use of innovative regulatory policy for air pollution control including economic incentives. The subcommittee has members representing a wide range of interests, backgrounds, and perspectives and regularly hears from other members of the full Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

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Co-Chairs of this subcommittee are Rob Brenner of EPA and Ben Henneke of the Clean Air Action Corporation. EPA's Technical Staff Contact is Carey Fitzmaurice. Her telephone number is (202) 564-1667 and her email address is: fitzmaurice.carey@epa.gov.

Linking Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Linking Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality provides advice and support to the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and to EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (particularly the Office of Transportation and Air Quality) on a number of key topics related to air quality. Over the past several years, the Subcommittee has addressed a wide variety of policies, programs, issues, and problems across many diverse areas, including:

- 1) Transportation and land use planning;
- 2) Clean air communities and sustainable communities;
- 3) Granting of SIP credits (including the quantification of air quality benefits from mobile source and land use measures);
- 4) Public/private partnerships and mobile source outreach programs;
- 5) Voluntary measures and mobile source incentive programs; and
- 6) Clean fuels and innovative technologies.

The Subcommittee is comprised of approximately 20 technical experts representing a broad range of backgrounds, including government, industry, law, academia, trade associations, and not-for-profit organizations.

Co-Chairs of this subcommittee are Bob Larson of EPA and Bob Wyman of Latham and Watkins. EPA's Technical Staff Contact is John Hall. His telephone number is (202)564-7424 and his email is: hall.johnm@epa.gov.

Accident Prevention Subcommittee

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee has been established to provide the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) with stakeholder advice and counsel on scientific and technical aspects of the Clean Air Act Section 112(r). The Subcommittee will consider technical issues, methodologies, and/or products which CEPPO provides for review.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee has established working groups to examine specific issues in detail and report back recommendations through the Subcommittee. The chair of the subcommittee is Jim Makris of EPA. The Designated Federal Official is Bill Finan. His telephone number is (202) 2260-0030 and his email is: finan.bill@epa.gov.

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Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

The subcommittee provides the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) with independent advice, counsel and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of programs related to mobile source air pollution and motor fuels. Through its various workgroups, the subcommittee addresses a wide range of developments, issues and research areas such as emissions modeling, air toxics, innovative and incentive-based transportation policies, on-board diagnostics, heavy-duty engines and reformulated gasoline.

The Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee is composed of approximately 30 technical experts drawn from a wide range of stakeholder organizations. Included on the roster are individuals from the automotive industry (vehicles, engines and components), energy companies, academia, public interest groups, state/regional/local governments and specialized consultants. As a result of the workgroup structure employed to address specific areas, almost 200 people are involved in the work of this subcommittee. Meetings of the full subcommittee are held quarterly. Workgroups conduct a total of approximately 12 meetings per year. Since its formation in 1996, the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee has presented several major reports to the CAAAC which, in turn, have been forwarded to the Agency for its consideration and action.

Co-chairs of the MSTRS are Bob Sawyer of the University of California at Berkeley and Mike Walsh, an international consultant. The Designated Federal Official is Greg Green of EPA. EPA's Technical Staff Contact is Cheryl Hogan. His telephone number is (734) 214-4402 and his email address is: hogan.cheryl@epa.gov. In addition to its section of the CAAAC's website, the Subcommittee maintains a public website at: <http://transaq.ce.gatech.edu/epatac>.